Teaching Strategies/Learning Activities

* Paidea/Socratic seminars
  + Songs “If I had a Hammer” and “Blowin’ in the Wind”
  + Poem: “Bandaids and Dollar Bills”, by Sharon Draper
  + Short story, “Christopher”, by Eoin Colfer
  + Short story, “When I was a Bully, Too”, by Melissa Walker
* Read-alouds:
  + “Sold”, by Patricia McCormick
  + “I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced”, by Nujood Ali
  + “Queen of Water”, by Laura Resau
* Written Conversations:
  + Chapter from *Be the Change* by Zach Hunter, “Dreaming Big”
* $2.00 summary and reflections for, “The Day I Followed”, by Eric Luper
* Twitter summary, 6 word memoir response for “Never Shut Up” by Kiersten White
* Independent self-selected book per interest re: human rights
* Video of Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech
* Martin Luther King Speech Study (attached)
* Film on homelessness
* Research of a Change-Maker – student choice
* ARP/Inquiry Project –student choice (small groups)
* Ongoing lessons on speech writing and performing
* Ongoing lessons on use of rhetorical devices
* Speech writing – An issue of great concern – student choice
* Mini-lessons:
  + writing business and service proposals
  + writing business letters
  + starting a petition
  + making a documentary with I-movie
  + making a documentary with Movie Maker
* Individual and small group conferences
* Evening event for parents – speeches and Inquiry projects